BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation)
Against:)
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Neal James Rendleman, M.D.) Case No. 800-2018-040697
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Physician's and Surgeon's)
Certificate No. G 88414)
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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2019

IT IS SO ORDERED May 21, 2019

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Kimberly Kirchmeyer

Executive Director

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2018-040697			
12	NEAL JAMES RENDLEMAN, M.D.	•			
13	3021 NW Cornell Rd. Portland OR 97210-2744	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF			
14		LICENSE AND ORDER			
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 88414				
16	Respondent.				
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18		EED by and between the parties to the above-			
19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	·			
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21		is the Executive Director of the Medical Board			
22	of California (Board). She brought this action sol	•			
23	this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Jane Zack Simon,				
24	Supervising Deputy Attorney General.				
25	2. Neal James Rendleman, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding				
26	and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.				
27	3. On December 17, 2008, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. (
28	88414 to Neal James Rendleman, M.D. The Phys	sician's and Surgeon's Certificate is delinquent,			

having expired on May 31, 2018, and is SUSPENDED by virtue of an Order issued by the Board on January 25, 2019 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2310(a).

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2018-040697 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent. Respondent filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2018-040697 is attached as Exhibit A.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-040697. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-040697, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that based on the action taken by the Oregon Medical Board, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that

those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. Pursuant to section 2224(b) of the Business and Professions Code, this stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 88414, issued to Respondent NEAL JAMES RENDLEMAN, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated:

4/30/19

Respectfully submitted,

XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California

JANE ZACK SIMON

Supervising Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (Code) and/or other relevant statutory enactment:
 - A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring.
 - B. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.
 - C. Section 141 of the Code provides:
 - "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of a department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or by another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein."
 - "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by the board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Other States)

4. On January 9, 2018, the Oregon Medical Board issued an Interim Stipulated Order stating that an investigation raised concerns necessitating that Respondent cease the practice of medicine. Under the terms of the Interim Stipulated Order, Respondent agreed to voluntarily

Exhibit A

1	BEFORE THE		
2	OREGON MEDICAL BOARD		
3	STATE OF OREGON		
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5	In the Matter of)		
6	NEAL JAMES RENDLEMAN, MD) INTERIM STIPULATED ORDER LICENSE NO. MD13206)		
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. 8	1.		
9	The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing,		
10	regulating and disciplining certain healthcare providers, including physicians, in the State of		
11	Oregon. Neal James Rendleman, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the State of Oregon.		
12	2.		
-13	The Board received credible information regarding Licensee that resulted in the Board		
14 .	initiating an investigation. The results of the Board's investigation to date have raised concerns		
15	to the extent that the Board believes it necessary that Licensee agree to cease the practice of		
16	medicine until the investigation is completed.		
17	3.		
18	In order to address the concerns of the Board, Licensee and the Board agree to enter into		
19	this Interim Stipulated Order, which is not an admission of any wrongdoing on the part of the		
20	Licensee, and provides that Licensee shall comply with the following conditions effective the		
21	date this Order is signed by Licensee:		
22	3.1 Licensee voluntarily withdraws from the practice of medicine and his license is		
23	placed in Inactive status pending the completion of the Board's investigation into his ability to		
24	safely and competently practice medicine.		
25	3.2 Licensee understands that violating any term of this Order will be grounds for		
26	disciplinary action under ORS 677.190(17).		
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Į	3.3 Licensee must notify the Oregon Medical Board within 10 days as to how patients			
. 2	may access or obtain their medical records.			
3	4.			
4	At the conclusion of the Board's investigation, Licensee's status will be reviewed in an			
5	expeditious manner. Following that review, if the Board determines that Licensee shall not be			
6	permitted to return to the practice of medicine, Licensee may request a hearing to contest that			
7	decision.			
8	5.			
9	This Order is issued by the Board pursuant to ORS 677.265(1) and (2) for the purpose			
10	of protecting the public, and making a complete investigation in order to fully inform itself with			
11	respect to the performance or conduct of the Licensee and Licensee's ability to safely and			
12	competently practice medicine. Pursuant to ORS 677.425, Board investigative materials are			
13.	confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure. However, as a stipulation this Order is			
14	a public document and is reportable to the national Data Bank and the Federation of State			
15	Medical Boards.			
16	6.			
17	This Order becomes effective the date it is signed by the Licensee.			
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19	IT IS SO STIPULATED THIS 2 day of June 16 2018			
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22	NEAL JAMES RENDLEMAN, MID			
23	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of January, 2019.			
24	State of Oregon			
25	OREGON MEDICAL BOARD			
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27	KATHLEEN HALEY, JD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR			

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11	Oregon. Neal James Rendleman, MD (Licensee) is a licensed physician in the State of Oregon.		
12	2.		
13	On March 3, 2017, the Board opened an investigation after receiving credible information		
14	regarding Licensee's possible violation of the Medical Practice Act. On January 9, 2018,		
15	Licensee entered into an Interim Stipulated Order with the Board in which he voluntarily agreed		
16	to place his license at Inactive status.		
17	3,		
18	Licensee and the Board desire to settle this matter by the entry of this Stipulated Order.		
19	Licensee understands that he has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative		
20	Procedures Act (Oregon Revised Statutes chapter 183), and fully and finally waives the right to a		
21	contested case hearing and any appeal therefrom by the signing of and entry of this Order in the		
22	Board's records. Licensee neither admits nor denies, but the Board finds that Licensee engaged		
23	in conduct that violated the Medical Practice Act, to wit: ORS 677.190(1)(a), unprofessional		
24	conduct, as defined in ORS 677.188(4)(a); and ORS 677.190(13) repeated acts of negligence in		
25	the practice of medicine. Licensee understands that this Order is a public record and is a		
26	disciplinary action that is reportable to the DataBank and the Federation of State Medical		
27	Boards.		

Exhibit B

STATE OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of:

NEAL J. RENDLEMAN, MD License No. MD00030359 No. M2018-711

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

The executive director of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) is authorized to make the allegations below, which are supported by the evidence contained in Commission file number 2018-6710.

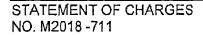
1. ALLEGED FACTS

- 1.1 On November 3, 1992, the state of Washington issued Respondent a license to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's license is currently expired in renewal and eligible for late renewal.
- 1.2 On January 9, 2018, Respondent and the Oregon Medical Board entered into an Interim Stipulated Order. In the Interim Stipulated Order, Respondent withdrew from practicing medicine and had his license placed on inactive status while the Oregon Medical Board completed their investigation. The Oregon Medical Board's investigation found Respondent committed multiple acts of negligence and inadequate record keeping.
- 1.3 On April 5, 2018, Respondent and the Oregon Medical Board entered a Stipulated Order allowing Respondent to retire his Oregon medical license while under investigation for unprofessional conduct and repeated acts of negligence in the practice of medicine. In turn, the Oregon Medical Board terminated the Interim Stipulated Order and closed their investigation against Respondent upon entry of the Stipulated Order.

2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

2.1 Based on the Alleged Facts, Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(5).

RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct. The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:





- (5) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of the individual's license to practice any health care profession by competent authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified copy of the order, stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence of the revocation, suspension, or restriction;
- 2.2 The above violation provides grounds for imposing sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

The charges in this document affect the public health and safety. The executive director of the Commission directs that a notice be issued and served on Respondent as provided by law, giving Respondent the opportunity to defend against these charges. If Respondent fails to defend against these charges, Respondent shall be subject to discipline and the imposition of sanctions under Chapter 18.130 RCW.

DATED:	November	8	. 2018.
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STATE OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

MELANIE DE LEON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of:

NEAL J. RENDLEMAN, MD License No. MD00030359 Master Case No. M2018-711

EX PARTE ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Respondent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: John F. Kuntz, Review Judge.

This matter came before the Presiding Officer on delegation from and authorized by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) on November 8, 2018, on an Ex Parte Motion for Order of Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion) brought by the executive director of the Commission. The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(5). The Presiding Officer, after reviewing the Statement of Charges, and the Ex Parte Motion with its supporting Declaration of Health Care Investigator in Support of Motion for Summary Action with attached exhibits A, B, C, and D GRANTS the Ex Parte Motion. Respondent's license is SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1.1 Respondent is a physician and surgeon licensed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.
- 1.2 The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(5). The Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.
- 1.3 The Oregon Medical Board opened an Investigation on Respondent after receiving credible information that Respondent violated the Medical Practice Act.

- 1.4 While under investigation, Respondent and the Oregon Medical Board entered into an Interim Stipulated Order which forced Respondent to withdraw from the practice of medicine while the Board completed their investigation. The Interim Stipulated Order also allowed the Oregon Medical Board to place Respondent's license on inactive status.
- 1.5 On April 5, 2018, Respondent and the Oregon Medical Board entered into a Stipulated Order. In the Stipulated Order, Respondent retired his license to practice in the state of Oregon while under investigation for unprofessional conduct. In turn, the Oregon Medical Board terminated the Interim Stipulated Order and closed their Investigation against Respondent.
- 1.6 The Ex Parte Motion was accompanied by a Declaration of Health Care Investigator in Support of Motion for Summary Action along with certified copies of the April 5, 2018, Stipulated Order and the January 9, 2018, Interim Stipulated Order, and a redacted copy of the Oregon Medical Board's investigative case report.
- 1.7 The basis for April 5, 2018, Stipulated Order is substantially similar to unprofessional conduct in the state of Washington.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 2.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon. RCW 18.130.040.
- 2.2 The Commission has delegated summary action authority to the presiding officer in cases falling under RCW 18.130.370.
- 2.3 Under RCW 18.130.050(8)(a) and RCW 18.130.370, the Commission must summarily suspend a practitioner's license when the practitioner is prohibited from practicing another profession in another jurisdiction, and the basis for the action is

substantially equivalent to unprofessional conduct prohibited under the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

RCW 18.130.050 Authority of disciplining authority. Except as provided in RCW 18.130.062, the disciplining authority has the following authority:

- (8) To take emergency action ordering summary suspension of a license, or restriction or limitation of the license holder's practice pending proceedings by the disciplining authority. Within fourteen days of a request by the affected license holder, the disciplining authority must provide a show cause hearing in accordance with the requirements of RCW 18.130.135. In addition to the authority in this subsection, a disciplining authority shall, except as provided in RCW 9.97.020:
- (a) Consistent with RCW 18.130.370, issue a summary suspension of the license or temporary practice permit of a license holder prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040. The summary suspension remains in effect until proceedings by the Washington disciplining authority have been completed;

RCW 18.130.370 Prohibition on practicing in another state—Prohibited from practicing in this state until proceedings of appropriate disciplining authority are completed. Any individual who applies for a license or temporary practice permit or holds a license or temporary practice permit and is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040 is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in this state until proceedings of the appropriate disciplining authority have been completed under RCW 18.130.050.

2.4 Under the April 5, 2018, Stipulated Order, Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a physician in the state of Oregon. The Oregon Medical Board found Respondent engaged in conduct that violated Oregon's laws constituting unprofessional conduct which are substantially similar to the unprofessional conduct outlined in RCW 18.130.180(4).

RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct. The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

- (4) Incompetence, negligence, or malpractice which results in injury to a patient or which creates an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed. The use of a nontraditional treatment by itself shall not constitute unprofessional conduct, provided that it does not result in injury to a patient or create an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed;
- 2.5 Summary suspension pending further proceedings is mandatory in cases where a respondent is prohibited from practicing in another state or foreign jurisdiction because of conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct under Washington statute or regulation. A lesser restrictive alternative is not available. The Findings of Fact establish that the requested summary action is necessary, and legislatively mandated to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

III. ORDER

- 3.1 Based on the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings by the Commission. Respondent shall immediately deliver all licenses, (including wall, display, and/or wallet, if any), to the Commission.
- 3.2 It is HEREBY ORDERED that a protective order in this case is GRANTED. All healthcare information and non-conviction data contained in the Ex Parte Motion, Declaration of Health Care Investigator in Support of Motion for Summary Action, and attached exhibits shall not be released except as provided in chapter 70.02 RCW, chapter 10.97 RCW, RCW 34.05.446(1), and WAC 246-11-400(2) and (5). The Protective Order prohibits the release of health care information outside these proceedings. Unless required by law, anyone involved in these proceedings must keep confidential and not disclose health care information obtained through these proceedings. Health care

information includes information in any form "that identifies or can readily be associated with the identity of a patient and directly relates to the patient's health care." RCW 70.02.010. The parties may share the information with their attorney, if any.

DATED this ____day of November, 2018.

JOHN F. KÜNTZ, Review Judge PRESIDING-OFFICER

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